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Why There Is Evil in All Human Beings

One day soon after the creation of the world, the Devil appeared before Eve. She was angry at the Devil, and so she killed him. Then there was the problem of disposing of his body. First she buried him, but he arose again from the earth almost as soon as she had placed him there. She then decided to burn him, but this had no effect upon him at all, for the Devil had been created from fire.¹ For a while she did not know what to do next to get rid of him. Desperate, she finally disposed of him by eating him. That is why all of the descendants of Eve have some evil within them.

¹Satan was originally an angel but was cast out of heaven. In Christian belief he was cast out for leading a revolt of angels against God. In Moslem belief he was cast out for refusing to honor--some say worship--Adam. The other angels obeyed; Satan did not. His logic was based on the fact that angels had been created from fire, while Adam had been created from mud. See several of the Creation tales in ATON, especially those narrated by Ali Çiftçi.